

Don't Forget the Big Fair at Boley, Sept. 25-28

A  
FEARLESS  
EXPONENT  
OF RIGHT  
AND  
JUSTICE

# THE TULSA STAR

OUR  
SUBSCRIPTION  
LIST MAKES A  
VALUABLE  
MEDIUM FOR  
ADVERTISING

## WEEKLY MAIL EDITION

Official Organ of The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and The Knights and Ladies of Harmony of the World, Oklahoma Jurisdiction

VOL. 6

TULSA, OKLA., SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1918.

NO. 40.

### ADVENTISM THE SAME AS OTHER ISMS

I have always said and to some extent say yet that the Advents conception or understanding of Gods Great Plan of Salvation is, in many respects, much higher than those of the other isms; but if the best brains of the Advents make many more such scriptorial blunders as was made by the able, in some respects Elder Nunes concerning the observance of the 7th day of the week, they will be forced to by the thinking people to take a back number of all the other isms of the world.

The scriptures do not teach and no thinking person can be made to believe that God has made a question of life everlasting or death eternal dependant upon the keeping of certain days. The scriptures specifically warns all who would be followers of Jesus Christ to let the world judge them by the fruits of the spirit and not by the keeping of certain days. Gal. 5:22-23; Col. 2:16 and 17. It is true that the law covenant relating to the keeping of the 7th day and all other features of that law covenant, was binding upon the Jews with whom it was made and it is still binding upon all Jews who do not believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, but it was never binding upon the Gentiles for the reason that they were nvr a party to it. All Jews who accept Christas the Son of God and consecrate themselves to follow him are not under the Law Covenant, but under grace, and the only law binding upon them is the law of love. Gal. 5:14.

In order to more fully understand we should know for what purpose was the Law Covenant given. The scripture informs us that the Law was given to the Jews to save them as a teacher or instructor in the rudimentary principles of Godliness and to help all the humble minded to be ready to pass from the house of Servants into the House of Sons when Christ came. Gal. 3:24,25; but all who fail to do their best under the Law Covenant were not permitted to pass out of the House of Servants into the House of Sons and therefore they remain under the Law Covenant. In other words to simplify the matter, let us suppose that we are preparing persons for school teachers; their schooling would begin with the rudiments or first grade principles and they would remain in that grade until they gave satisfaction before the Laws or rules for passing until they complied there with. So it is with the Jews; all must remain under the Law Covenant until they accept Christ which is the passing mark.

While the Law Covenant represented only the A.B.C. principles of Divine Law yet sinful man has never been able to keep it perfectly. Jesus Christ was the only one that ever kept the Law perfectly, and therefore He captured the prize, Life Everlasting, that was offered to any Jew who could do it. After capturing the Prize, He has arranged that the Jews may pass from under the curse of the Law by having faith in him and following in his foot steps. All Jews that are followers of Christ, do more by faith, than is required of them under the Law Covenant. Instead of giving one tenth to the Lord they give all; instead of keeping one day as a sabbath unto the Lord they keep every day for they have entered into their rest (Heb. 4:3). The Gentiles (All persons not descendants of Abraham) have never been under the Law Covenant, and therefore have nothing whatever to do with this 7th day sabbath except to note its typical significance as foreshadowing the Blessings of the Millenium.

Kindly understand me. I am not interested in any of the isms. I am

only an International Bible Student, consecrated to truthfully and fearlessly do the will of God even unto death. There many points concerning Gods Plan of Salvation upon which my adventis friends and I fully agree, but their doctrine of the keeping of the 7th day as essential to Salvation, that the creative days were periods of 24 hours that Christ will appear materially and literally, and that the whole world of mankind has been on trial for life or death everlasting during this Gospel Age, are among some of the dead flies of error which make the Adventis Gospel Pudding nauseating the logical minded and truth hungry persons.

I admire the zeal with which Elder Nunes does what he believes to be right, but after hearing the debate, I note him to be like many well meaning persons who are able to quote much scripture, but misinterpret them, not intentionally but ignorantly; but the God I serve will reward him and all men on earth for every thing done with good intentions, but greatest rewards will go to those who understand the plans of God and teach accordingly. Mat. 5:19

Adventism is not the only ism contaminated with error. Nearly all the isms of the world have within their Gospel pie the Flies of Hell Fire, Eternal Torment, the doctrine of the Trinity.

It is but fair to say that Rev. T. S. Johnson presented the only correct scripture and logic concerning the Sabbath and Sunday.

Put alas! Why such debates on such non-essential question? There may be some excuse for Rev. Johnson but there is none whatever for Elder Nunes throwing down the gauntlet in such frivolous matters during these trying hours. Both of these gentlemen could have spent their time more pleasing to the Lord had they used it in giving the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives and friends the consoling message God has for the world during this dark hour of war bloodshed and destruction. While the heart of the whole world is aching and the whole race of humanity is going into the valleys of death God wants the ministers to tell the poor world what it all means. He wants the ministers to tell the people that just beyond this time of trouble is the world or age wherein dwelleth righteousness and that in that day (in the very near future), all the broken families will be reunited through the resurrection of the dead, that all the young men of Tulsa and elsewhere in the world that are being slain on the battlefields in this cruel war will be returned to their families and not only that but there is to be a grand jubilee and home coming of all the families of the earth both of the just and the unjust including father Adam. Jno. 5:28.

It seems strange to me that no one will accept my challenge to debate the Hellfire and Eternal Torment Doctrine? Just now when so many persons are going into death it would seem to me that everybody would be glad to get all the light the scripture has on this all important question. If the Bible teaches that at death one goes straight to a Heaven of Bliss or a Hell of Torment right now is a good time for the world to know it. Every intelligent minister knows that the Bible does not teach such doctrines and they also know that the mass of the people are ignorant of that fact. Why don't they step forward like Christian gentlemen and acknowledge the error they have been teaching the people. And if there is a minister who is yet so unfortunate as to believe in the blasphemous doctrine of Hell fire and Eternal Torment why he does not accept my challenge and defend his position before the public? My challenge still stands

### EDITOR SMITHERMAN RECIPIENT OF MANY LETTERS OF COM- MENDATION

That the leaders among the foremost men of the race recognize editor Smitherman as a worthy and able man and appreciate his efforts on behalf of the race is fittingly evidenced by the many letters he has received since his telegram to Governor Williams on the Dewey outrage. Space will not permit publishing all of them, but copies of a few of them are published below:

McTlester, Okla., Aug 20 1918.

Hon. A. J. Smitherman,

Dear friend A. J.—Just a word to commend your action in the Dewey case, and to offer this suggestion, to wit: That you make extensive investigation to ascertain whether or not the homes of any drafted soldier was burned by the Dewey mob.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Lilly.

Bristow, Okla., Aug. 20 1918.

Dear Editor:

We all thank you for your many stand here last Saturday. We are with you.

Your friend,

M. H. Wakefield, M. D.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 21, 1918.

Hon. A. J. Smitherman,

Tulsa, Okla.

Go on my boy! You are on the right track. I am proud of you and know it. Have much to tell you when I see you. We must keep matters moving and put an end to mob violence.

Yours,

W. H. Twine.

Jefferson City Mo., Aug. 21 1918.

Hon. A. J. Smitherman,

Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:—You will please accept my thanks, will be many members and friends of my church and the race for the manly position in behalf of the race. As one has said, "The Wheels of the Press is More in Moulding Public Sentiment, and to be Feared Than an Army of a Thousand Men".

This token of respect is brought to bear from the telegram you sent to Governor Williams, and his reply to make investigation of tragedy "The Dewey Kaisars," who burned 21 homes of my people, Sunday Night the 11th, as reported in the columns of "The Star" 17th inst.

I wish to keep in touch with the Star and Editor, Smitherman.

Here is my subscription for one year, \$1.50 (One Dollar and Fifty Cents).

Very truly yours for God and the race,

J. W. Curry.

Langston, Oklahoma, Aug. 20, 1918

Judge A. J. Smitherman,

The Tulsa Star

Tulsa, Okla.

Dear friend Smitherman:—I have read with interest your message to Gov. R. L. Williams and his reply. The state is to be congratulated upon having such a champion among us.

I thank you personally, for your efforts in the race's behalf.

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Marquess,

President.

Don't let the Negro boy loaf. If he holds down a street corner while he is young he'll do the same thing after he has grown up.

for any one who cares to accept it.

R. J. HILL.

### GOV. WILLIAMS WILL ACT

A. J. Smitherman, editor of the Tulsa Star and the man who was first to call Governor Williams attention to the Dewey mob which burned out 21 homes of Colored people Aug. 11th, was a visitor at the Capitol this morning and held a conference with Governor Williams on the Dewey matter.

According to a statement made by Smitherman after the conference, the governor has promised to go the limit in prosecuting the members of the mob.

Thirty warrants have been issued for the arrest of that many participants in the mob and more will follow.

Governor Williams is a broad gauged true American citizen who believes in the principals of democracy said Smitherman today, and we feel confident that absolute justice will be done in the Dewey matter.

The best people of Oklahoma, White and Black, would not be satisfied with anything less."

Sends Letter Endorsing Negro State Fair at Boley

The following letter was received from the fair association, from by J. C. Johnson, of Wewoka, president. H. Wilson, state superintendent of Education giving his endorsement to the proposed fair at Boley:

Oklahoma City, August 20, 1918

Dear Sir:

I am reliably informed that there is a movement on among some of the leading Colored people to have a Negro State Fair at Boley, Oklahoma, beginning on September 25th of the present year. This is to give such a movement my endorsement. Trust that the Negro schools and institutions will rally to this cause as they should and give their support with their educational, as well as agricultural displays.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. H. Wilson,

State Superintendent of Education

WAR WORK OF COLORED WOMEN

Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson Named As Field Representative For Women's Committee Of The National Council Of Defence.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22—Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson has recently been appointed field representative of the Woman's Committee, Council of Defence.

This week she is leaving Washington for the states to make a preliminary survey of the war work which is being done among the Colored women by the various State Divisions of the Women's Committee and to assist them in perfecting any organization they may have in hand. In a number of the states these auxiliaries are already in existence.

Mr. Nelson comes to this work from Wilmington, Delaware, where she is head of the English department of the Howard High School, which has given her leave of absence for a year in order to do war work among the Colored Women of the country. She is well known as a club woman, having served for several years as secretary the Nation Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and is intimately in touch with the women of the country who are interested in or actively identified with philanthropic movements or public service organizations.

Mrs. Nelson is the widow of the late Paul Laurence Dunbar, the poet whose productions are familiar to every household in the land, and who first sprang into fame through his verse under the caption of "Lyrics of Lowly Life." Mrs. Nelson is an author of note, having written a volume of very creditable poems and some short stories of Louisiana life, and compiled a collection of best orations by Negro leaders. She is also a newspaper and magazine writer of recognized ability and far-reaching influence.

### Pushing The Negro Fair



HON. J. COODY JOHNSON

The above named gentleman is, perhaps, one of the best known men in Oklahoma, and it must be said to his credit that whatever more he gets behind succeeds. R. M. Johnson has in all of his dealings, been square, and the people have implicit confidence in what he says. As president of the Negro Fair, to be held at Boley, Okla., Sept. 25 to 28, 1918, he promises one of the greatest entertainments ever pulled off by the race in this state, and those who fail to attend, will miss one of the rare treats that come in a life time. President Johnson is not sparing money or time in securing the very best attractions, and The Star feels safe in saying that the fair will go down in history as one of the greatest attractions ever attempted by our people. Mr. Johnson has the co-operation of the people of Boley, as well as the state, and there is no doubt that immense crowds will be in attendance.

A NEW PRESIDENT FOR KANSAS SCHOOL

According to a statment published in the Tuskegee Institute Student, Mr. G. R. Bridgeforth, for thirteen years director of the agricultural department of the Tuskegee Institute, has been elected president of the Educational and Industrial Institute at Topeka Kansas.

THE ARMY IS STILL IN NEED OF CHAPLAINS.

The ultimate plan is to have one for every 1,2000 officers and men. It wants a special kind of chaplain a sturdy, upstanding, brotherly man between the ages of 21 and 45—who cares a good deal more about the welfare of soldiers than about distinctions in creed. At Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville, Kentucky, the Army is conducting a school for weeks and new classes are formed at about an interval of a week after the current class is graduated. Applicants must pass the physical tests prescribed by the local draft board. While at the school the student chaplain receives free subsistence, lodging and uniform and the pay of a first class private, \$33.00 per month, with mileage home at the rate of three and one-half cents per mile upon the completion of his course. If appointed he takes the rank and pay of a first lieutenant of the National

Army, \$2,000 a year and \$2,200 abroad. The next class begins August 23. Applicants should apply directly to The Adjutant General of the Army, who will furnish all necessary information. There are now about thirty-one Colored chaplains in the several branches of the army.

THE COLORED MAN IN WAR WORK.

A Review of What The Negro People Are Doing to Aid in Winning The World Wide War For Liberty And Democracy

Issued From The Office of Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant to The Secretary of War.

Washington, D. C. —Company A, 368th Stevedore Regiment, "Somewhere in France," has been cited by Rear Admiral Wilson and General McClure for exceptionally efficient work. These Colored men unloaded and coaled the steamship "Leviathan", formally the "Vaterland", in fifty-six hours, making a new worlds record, in competition with other stevedore detachments on the western front in France, many of which are white. A film, showing this splendid regiment at work and at play, is to be exhibited throughout the country in the leading Colored and white theaters.

SATURDAY—WEEKLY

I wish to thank the brothers of the W. B. F. and sisters of the S. M. T. and many friends for their good attendance and good behavior that was shown at the entertainment given in honor of U. B. F. Wednesday night, Aug. 28, 1918.

Yours truly,

BRO. ANDREW MCGREGORY.